

HAMILTON ARMY AIRFIELD WETLAND RESTORATION CONSTRUCTION, GENERAL

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The project includes 988 acres of a former military airfield and adjacent California State Lands Commission areas. The site is located on San Pablo Bay, 4 miles east of the city of Novato, in Marin County, California. The site, currently protected by levees, has subsided below the elevation of surrounding properties, including the tidal wetlands immediately adjacent to San Pablo Bay. This wetlands restoration project would advance the beneficial reuse of dredged material from San Francisco Bay as part of the Long Term Management Strategy (LTMS). The California State Coastal Conservancy is the non-Federal sponsor.

TOTAL FUNDING:

TOTAL COST:	\$ 63,900,000
FEDERAL COST:	\$ 47,900,000
NON-FEDERAL COST:	\$ 16,000,000

TOTAL FEDERAL COST THROUGH FY04:	\$ 9,496,000
FISCAL YEAR 05 BUDGET:	\$ 5,100,000
COST TO COMPLETE:	\$ 33,304,000

FY 04 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Initiate site preparation and construction in FY 04.

FY 05 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Continue site preparation and site construction placing dredged material in FY 05.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION: The transfer of the airfield property to the California State Coastal Conservancy (Conservancy) was completed in September of 2003. A phased approach has been adopted to complete the design and construction tasks in conjunction with the availability of the real estate parcels and dredge material. Site preparation began in FY03, in anticipation of receiving the first deliveries of operations and maintenance (O&M) dredge material in FY05. An Ecosystem Restoration Initial Appraisal completed in October 2000 recommended that the adjacent 1600-acre Bel Marin Keys (BMK) property be studied as a potential addition to the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project (HWRP). The Conservancy acquired the BMK parcel. To prevent the loss of dredge material due to delays caused by BRAC and FUDS constraints, the District and the Conservancy completed a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Report in 2002 to support a Post Authorization Change document. This document is required to authorize BMK for construction as part of HWRP. The Conservancy expects to use this effort to support adding BMK to a possible Water Resources Development Act of 2004.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: 6th District, Rep. Lynn Woolsey

DISTRICT: San Francisco